

The Board at its meeting of July 23, 2014 received the staff report and adopted the following member motion:

The Toronto Port Authority has requested federal and provincial funding in the amount of \$100 million for infrastructure enhancements to improve access and traffic congestion in the area surrounding Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport -- a facility that served 2.3 million travelers in 2013.

In 2013, the TTC provided 525 million trips to travelers, and this is projected to increase to 537 million trips this year. This represents an increase of over 30 per cent since 2000. Not only has the TTC's total volume of travel been increasing consistently for almost two decades, but transit's share of all trips made in Toronto has also been increasing. A shift to transit reduces congestion, reduces harmful emissions and GHG's, and leads to more-efficient land uses and more productive use of infrastructure.

However, the TTC's ability to attract more of Toronto's travel is currently constrained by a shortage of garage capacity. Without the ability to house and maintain more buses, the TTC is unable to provide substantively more capacity on existing services or to introduce new and innovative services such as a network of express bus services or a network of high-frequency bus routes. The TTC's planned next garage is currently underfunded by \$100 million. The sooner this garage is completed, the sooner these new services can be introduced.

In consideration of the foregoing, be it resolved that:

1. The TTC request the federal and provincial governments to invest available infrastructure funding, in the amount of \$100 million, in the TTC's next planned bus garage, in order to maximize the effectiveness of its investment targeted at reducing congestion in Toronto, providing improved access to employment and educational opportunities, and reducing pollution and greenhouse gases; and
2. The Board authorize the Chair to write to the Ontario Minister of Transportation in the Provincial Government and the Federal Minister of Infrastructure, Communities and Intergovernmental Affairs forwarding this resolution and request a meeting with both Ministers to make a request for the \$100 million in infrastructure funding for the TTC bus garage.